

then gather the signatures necessary. That would be, I think, a generous allocation of time, and again make the point that this proposal is taking a situation that at the current level was within one month able to be achieved by the term limit petition drive, and making it even easier. I'm very, very skeptical about the proposal, but at least we should put some sort of time limit on it. I'd ask your support for the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Like to pause one second and introduce, under the south balcony, some Nebraskans from Cuming County that are here for their legislative day. We have Larry Howard, Paul Peters, Erv Eisenmenger, Kent Kuhr and Nadine Hagedorn. Would you please all stand, please. On the Wesely amendment, Senator Kristensen, followed by Senator Dierks and Senator Schimek. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I'm going to stand in opposition to Senator Wesely's amendment. I understand, of course, what he's trying to do, he's trying to tighten up the rules, tighten up the law, he's trying to make it a little more difficult, I think, for...at least for paid circulators. The paid circulator thing has been a problem of mine, too. I'm not sure I approve of that whole process. But I'm more concerned right now about getting this back to the way we...the way that we had had this for folks before that Supreme Court decision last year, and that would...that would mean that we don't place anymore restrictions on them. This isn't what they've asked for, this is something that we are asking for them, and I don't think that it's our place to provide them with more restriction on that particular part of our process. So I would ask that you not support Senator Wesely's amendment but allow us to try to get this back to the original legislation that I introduced and try to provide for those people who have had this process of initiative and referendum available before the changes were made by, as Senator Hall said, inadvertently in his legislation and then also by the results of the Supreme Court decision. I'd urge your support for that issue and not for the time limitations that Senator Wesely would like to put on it. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I reluctantly stand opposed to the Wesely amendment. Senator Wesely knows, and others of this body know the L-22CA, as